

## IRRIGATION DISCUSSED.

Shall The Federal Government Construct Water Reservoirs.

### RECLAMATION OF ARID LAND.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—At the banquet of the Commercial Club at the Auditorium the subject under discussion was whether the federal government should make appropriations for the construction of water storage reservoirs and for the reclamation of the arid land.

Professor Elwood Mead, irrigation expert of the department of agriculture, described the conditions prevailing in the West.

Mr. F. H. Newell, hydrographer of the United States geological survey, illustrated by stereopticon maps, views and diagrams the magnitude of the subject and the importance of developing the arid regions. He showed the contrast between the desert and cultivated land and explained the reasons why irrigation is necessary throughout one-third of the United States and beneficial to at least two-thirds of the entire extent of the country.

George H. Maxwell, executive chairman of the National Irrigation Association, emphasized the fact that further progress toward the utilization of the vast tracts of arid land must be made by the national government—the owner or custodian of these lands. He described eloquently the possibilities of developing agriculture and providing homes for millions of new home builders on the land and showed that the areas now desert and unproductive could, if reclaimed by irrigation under a wise system, support not only a farming population, but also through a cheapening of food products promote the development of the mining industries.

**Boxers Still For Blood.**  
Hong Kong, Oct. 29.—Advices from Lienchau, on North river, say that American missionary property there is threatened with destruction by boxers, who have posted a proclamation which includes the following:

"We have organized to protect our country and our homes and we rely upon one another to support the order to drive out the foreign devils. They are mad. Their folly passes description. They are the usurpers of our land. They disturb our borders."

**New Short Line to El Paso.**  
Santa Fe, N. M., Oct. 27.—Articles of incorporation have been filed here for the El Paso, Pecos Valley & Eastern railway, extending from Roswell to El Paso, Tex., a distance of 175 miles. J. J. Hagerman, of Colorado Springs, is president. The route is through Chavez, Eddy and Otero counties, New Mexico. This line will shorten the distance by rail between El Paso and Kansas City and Chicago 300 miles. The survey is completed and construction work will begin soon after election.

**The Sultan Is Searched.**  
London, Oct. 26.—"Great uneasiness was created in palace circles," says the Constantinople correspondent of the Daily Mail, "by a report that an American squadron was approaching and the censor was instructed to prohibit the press from mentioning the subject."

**Compulsory Education in Havana.**  
Havana, Oct. 29.—Mayor Rodriguez has issued an order to the police directing them to take into custody children under 12 years of age on the streets during school hours. It is the intention of the authorities to enforce school laws strictly.

**Union Printers' Home.**  
Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 27.—The report of the treasurer of the Union Printers' home for the six months ending August 31, 1900, shows a balance in the treasury of \$16,008. The expenditures in the six months were \$33,156.

**High Water in East Tennessee.**  
Bristol, Tenn., Oct. 27.—High water is raging in many streams in upper east Tennessee. Railroad trestles over the Holston and Chuckey rivers and a steel bridge have been washed away. Many thousand logs were lost.

**Poland China Hogs for Cuba.**  
New York, Oct. 27.—O. J. Smith of Oklahoma and John Helvie are about to ship from this port to Cuba. Their primal object is to spend sufficient time to satisfy themselves as to locating there, and they will give at least six months for that. They take a carload of thoroughbred Poland China hogs with them, with the intention of establishing a hog ranch some where on the islands as a starter.

**St. Joseph Refunds And Saves Money.**  
St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 30.—Bids for the new issue of municipal refunding bonds, authorized by the city council several weeks ago, have been sold to Tootle, Lemon & Co., for \$395,850, a premium of \$5,850. The new issue of bonds is to the amount of \$390,000 to date from February 1, 1901, and bearing interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. The issue was ordered to take up bonds of the city to a similar amount, and drawing interest at a rate ¼ per cent higher than rate of the refunding issue.

## ADVANCE IN GRAIN RATES.

Railroads Congested—Must Hurry the Winter's Coal Through.

New York, Oct. 29.—Grain merchants in New York were formally notified that after November 1 rates on grain shipped from Buffalo to New York would be advanced 1 cent a bushel, making the rate on wheat 4 cents per bushel. Along with this announcement shippers who offered grain for shipment between the present time and November 1 were informed that the railroads would not contract for any further tonnage until the date named. One of the largest grain houses in the trade said that its business had been seriously upset by the unexpected advance in rates and refusal of shipments. Heavy grain acceptances, it was stated, had to be cancelled because, on applying for rates, none could be made for October shipment. In justification of this refusal to accept further grain consignments at Buffalo during the rest of the month, railroad representatives claimed that all of the lines between here and Buffalo were so congested with traffic that additional grain business could not be handled. It is thought that the railroads desire to clear their tracks as much as possible, to hurry through coal tonnage before winter, now that the strike has been settled.

**Student Veterans of Spanish War.**  
Berkeley, Cal., Oct. 26.—The students of the University of California who served in the Spanish and Philippine wars have formed an organization intended to be the nucleus of a national association of student veterans. A committee has been appointed to confer with eastern colleges and endeavor to secure their co-operation.

**Grain Shortage in Russia.**  
St. Petersburg, Oct. 30.—According to the Official Messenger the grain shortage is not confined to the eastern provinces and Siberia. The provinces richest in cereals are actually suffering on account of poor harvests. Grain is forwarded ahead of other merchandise and grain railway rates have been reduced.

**A Brother of Admiral Dewey.**  
Montpelier, Vt., Oct. 30.—Edward Dewey, brother of Admiral Dewey, has died at his home in this city. He had been ill several months with kidney trouble, but his death was unexpected. He was 71 years of age. He served in the civil war as quartermaster of the Eighth Vermont regiment.

**To Meet American Competition.**  
London, Oct. 30.—The Scotch steel-makers, owing to the importation of American steel plates, have reduced their prices 5 shillings, making 15 shillings reduction in a fortnight. These reductions, it is thought, will fully meet the American competition.

**Relief For Starving Indians.**  
Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 30.—The government is preparing to relieve the suffering of the drought stricken Indians on the Sacaton reservation. Several carloads of rations will leave in a few days and will be distributed among the destitute.

**Kaiser Orders His Own Statue.**  
Berlin, Oct. 30.—Emperor William has ordered Professor Brest to produce his majesty's own marble statue for the new Hall of Glories in Harmon, where statues of the emperor's ancestors are already placed.

**Ex-Premier Schreiner Resigns.**  
Cape Town, Oct. 30.—The Hon. W. P. Schreiner, the former premier of Cape Colony, has resigned his seat in parliament, owing to the persistent opposition of the extremists of the Afrikaners.

**Failed to Connect.**  
Victoria, B. C., Oct. 27.—Reliable parties who arrived here from Omineca confirm the report that the parties working on the Dawson telegraph line failed to connect on account of an error in the survey and that it will be impossible to complete the work before next summer.

**Brazilian Monarchists Plotting.**  
New York, Oct. 26.—A dispatch to the Herald from Buenos Ayres says: It is rumored here that the Brazilian fleet, profiting by President Campos Salles' absence will begin a revolution in order to re-establish a monarchy. There is no confirmation of the rumor.

**Registration Is Large.**  
Topeka, Oct. 29.—The registration books for Topeka when closed aggregated 10,180, the largest in the history of the city. The election commissioners say that there are fewer than 100 duplications and that the rolls on election day will show over 10,000 names.

**Alaskan Indians Dying Fast.**  
Seattle, Wash., Oct. 30.—Rev. Father John B. Rene, in charge of the Roman Catholic missions on the Yukon, has arrived at Dawson with a terrible story of the sufferings of the natives in that valley from a combination of pneumonia, measles and typhoid fever. At Holy Cross mission sixty out of 150 Indians died in less than two months. The plague has been general all along the river and along the coast of Bering Sea. Famine now threatens these districts.

## TWO CHINESE PRINCES DEAD.

One Killed Himself And The Other is Believed to Have Done so.

### TUAN EXPECTED TO FOLLOW.

Washington, Oct. 29.—The Chinese minister has received a dispatch stating that Kang-Yi, a member of the cabinet with Yung-Lu and one of the intense anti-foreign leaders, whose punishment was demanded by the powers, died of illness on the 18th instant, also that Yu-Hsien, the late governor of Shansi, who is said to have been responsible for the death of many missionaries, has committed suicide by swallowing gold leaf. Minister Wu regards this act as the result of the disfavor of which the high officials have received from the throne.

The death of Kang-Yi is an important event as he was one of the ring leaders whose punishment was demanded by the powers.

Minister Wu's advice also show that that Prince Tuan has been visited with severe censure from the throne and to such an extent that it would be no surprise if he followed the course of Kang-Yi and Yu. He has been prevented from accompanying the imperial court to Siang-Fu, and remains at Shansi, cut off from further influence on the throne. It is expected that he will be banished, which to a prince of the blood, is worse than decapitation and under the Chinese idea of propriety suicide is likely to be his end. Minister Wu laid his dispatches before Secretary Hay.

**Schools in Puerto Rico.**  
Canton, Ohio, Oct. 30.—M. C. Brubach, commissioner of education for Puerto Rico called on the president here with a message from Governor Allen of that island. In an interview Mr. Brubach said that there are now 800 schools in operation in Puerto Rico, with 3,600 pupils, and organization has been effected that will provide for 100,000 more pupils. He says that the people as a class are eager for education and accepting all the opportunities offered them. The duties on imports from the United States for the first week of October exceeded the total trade of the United States with the island for a whole year under Spanish dominion, showing the opening of an important market.

**Insects Destroy Cotton.**  
Dallas, Tex., Oct. 30.—W. S. Robson, one of the most extensive cotton planters in Texas, has gathered statistics from the Brazos and Colorado valleys and declares that the boll weevil has destroyed \$6,000,000 worth of this year's cotton crop. There are those who believe that it is not the boll weevil that does the damage but the same scale which has injured fruit, starting its work at San Jose, California.

**League of Sportsmen.**  
Wichita, Kan., Oct. 30.—A Kansas division of the League of American Sportsmen is organized in this city with 100 charter members on the list. The state division will be affiliated with the national association, which has its headquarters in New York. The division headquarters will be located here. Mr. C. E. Sawyer was elected state game warden.

**Tracklayers Strike in Ohio.**  
Tiffin, Ohio, Oct. 30.—The laborers, numbering several hundred, employed in double tracking the Baltimore and Ohio railroad between Garrett and Mansfield, have struck. The men claim they have not been paid for work done two months ago. The strikers are growing surly and trouble is feared.

**Philippine Forestry.**  
Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 27.—President Schurman, of Cornell university, announced that the New York State College of Forestry had been asked to furnish six competent assistants to the forestry bureau at Manila, P. I. The Spanish employed 130 officials to supervise the exploitation of 20,000,000 or more acres of public forest domain, furnishing now a revenue of \$100,000 annually. It is expected to increase this revenue greatly. Graduates from native colleges are to take a special course in forestry at Cornell university.

**Royal Standard Hoisted.**  
Pretoria, Oct. 29.—The Transvaal is proclaimed a part of the British empire, the proclamation being attended with impressive ceremonies. The royal standard was hoisted in the main square of the city, the grenadiers presented arms, massed bands played the national anthem, Sir Alfred Milner read the proclamation and 6,200 troops representing Great Britain and her colonies marched past.

**Storm in North of England.**  
London, Oct. 30.—Violent gales, accompanied by snow and rain have swept over parts of the country, causing floods. The northern districts of the lowlands are flooded, some of the railroads are entirely impassable and others have water up to the floors of the cars. At Newcastle, Hartlepool, Stockton, South Shields and elsewhere people have been compelled to seek refuge in the upper stories of their houses, and traffic is carried on by means of boats.

## THE EVACUATION OF CUBA.

Direct Authority From Congress Must First Be Had.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The evacuation of Cuba by the United States is not likely to take place quite as soon as has been anticipated in some quarters. The withdrawal of the American troops will not take place in any event until some form of domestic government has been established and it is not likely to be ordered by the executive department of the government without the authority of Congress. The Cuban constitutional convention, which meets in November, will probably be in session for several months—probably much longer than after the adjournment of the coming session of Congress on March 4, 1901. The new Congress, to be elected on November 6, will not meet in regular session until December, 1901, and will hardly do any important business until the spring of 1902. By that time representatives of the new Cuban republic may be ready to demonstrate to the appropriate committees of Congress that they have a government completely organized and capable of maintaining treaty obligations with other powers. Such a government can hardly exercise its functions until authorized by Congress. Whether it shall be permitted to exercise them without the supervision of the United States will be for Congress to determine.

The President will probably not assume the responsibility of putting the new Cuban government in operation even under the tutelage of the United States, without the direct authority of Congress.

### Rewards For Heads.

Hong Kong, Oct. 30.—The Chinese Mutual Protection association of Ho Ping district, has offered \$500 for the head of Dr. Sager of the American board of missions and \$300 each for the heads of Rev. S. G. Tope, a British missionary; Dr. Graves, a Southern Baptist missionary, and Dr. Beattie of the American Presbyterian board. The magistrate of that district is notably anti-foreign and inspired the posting of the placards. Protection has been guaranteed by placards for all who destroy the property of the missions or of converts.

### Gunboat Flottilla to China.

Portsmouth, Va., Oct. 29.—The commissioning of the gunboat flotilla for Chinese waters is going forward rapidly. The Protea has raised her flag and received her crew. Drafts of men for the crews of the Annapolis have arrived and she will be put in commission at once. Captain Lord and Chief Engineer Winter have reported aboard the collier Hannibal, which has been rushed in commission for service in Chinese waters and for coast duty in the Philippines.

### Boers are Still Active.

London, Oct. 30.—The Boers have 15,000 men in the field, nearly half of whom are in Orange River colony. These are divided into commandoes of some 300 each, but are capable of combination for large operations. Cape Town, Oct. 30.—The Boers have captured Jacobsdal, southwest of Kimberley, after a stubborn resistance upon the part of the garrison, which consisted of a detachment of Cape Town Highlanders. The latter suffered severely, losing 34 out of 52 men.

### Gold in the Treasury.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The gold in the treasury amounts to \$51,477,404, the highest point ever reached since the foundation of the government. This is said to be the largest gold fund in the world.

### Wedding Trip on an Auto.

La Porte, Ind., Oct. 27.—W. W. Blaker and bride of Mankato, Minn., are en route to New York city on their wedding tour. The couple are traveling across the country in an automobile, this novel way of making a bridal tour being one of the anti-nuptial agreements. Mr. Blaker is wealthy and the machine which is carrying them overland was built specially for this long trip. This couple claim that the distinction belongs to them of adopting this novel method of making a wedding.

### The Sherman Estate.

Washington, Oct. 29.—It is estimated here that the estate left by John Sherman is worth approximately \$2,000,000, somewhat less than half of which is in securities and the remainder in real estate, mostly in Mansfield and Washington. The securities are said to be gilt edged investments with good paying incomes and consist among others of Western Union, Fort Wayne, Northern Pacific and Washington street railway stocks and bonds.

**New President of K. C. and Southern.**  
Chicago, Oct. 30.—John W. Gates has been cast for a new role on the financial stage. He is billed to appear as the president of the Kansas City Southern Railway Company. The deal whereby the Harriman or Eastern interests of the new road pass into the hands of Gates is concluded. The transfer of the interests will take place in New York. Temporary offices for the company have been fitted up in the suite of rooms belonging to Mr. Gates and John Lambert in the Rookery.

## GOOD FARMING WEATHER.

Iron And Steel Market Conditions --Pipe and Plates in Demand

### WOOL PRICES SATISFACTORY.

New York, Oct. 29.—R. G. Dun & Co's Weekly Review of Trade says that contracts for steel rails for the season thus far are within 50,000 tons of last year's heavy bookings, and the confidence in an ultimate marked improvement is so strong that all raw materials are firm, and without any speculative activity to stimulate them. The weather over a great part of the country has been favorable for agricultural operations, which are progressing well, and in the West the unseasonable temperatures have retarded general trade comparatively little, as there has been no great stimulus yet this season.

Conditions in the iron and steel market steadily improve; orders gradually swell in volume and buyers make less effort to secure concessions. In most cases quotations are not altered, but there is an advance to \$20 at Philadelphia for billets, owing to the better business in rails. Pig iron moves freely, especially at Chicago, where manufacturers have contracted heavily for finished stuff in excess of raw material on hand. Cast iron pipe is in urgent demand and new plans for ship building will take plates. Bridge builders are buying structural forms heavily.

Cotton showed little recuperative power after last week's decline and closed lower. The loss in price is \$7.80 a bale since October 9, and exporters are still holding off. Wheat also continued its downward course, owing to the good news here and abroad, but an encouraging feature was the accelerated foreign buying as quotations declined. Atlantic exports for the week were 2,935,628 bushels against 2,353,625 a year ago, and Pacific shipments 878,043 bushels against 658,583 last year. Corn is slightly weaker, while pork products have fallen sharply. Most other provisions are heavy, but linseed oil rose sharply to 75c. The better tone of the boot and shoe market was sufficient explanation for the advance in materials. New England shops are busier than for many months before, but thus far manufactured goods have not advanced with materials. Sales of wool at the three chief Eastern markets continue to increase, exceeding 5,000,000 pounds last week. Prices are not altered, and bids slightly below the markets are refused. Cotton goods move rather more freely as the price comes nearer parity with raw material but wide sheetings are dull at the advance to 22c.

### Thieving Miners.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 30.—A News special from Victor, Col., says: All miners employed at the Independence, about 300, have quit work. The cause for their action is the personal search plan at the mine by the detectives, who are kept to watch the miners and discover ore which they may have secreted on their persons while at work. The miners decided to strike. The sampler at the mine, asserts that the management had recovered 700 pounds of ore from assayers to whom it had been sold during the past month.

### Two Thousand Philippine Recruits.

New York, Oct. 27.—Colonel Kimball, assistant quartermaster general of the United States army, announces that 2,000 recruits will leave for the Philippines in the next three weeks.

### Students Can Vote in Wisconsin.

Oshkosh, Wis., Oct. 30.—Attorney General Hicks, of Madison, has given an opinion in regard to the rights of students to vote where they are attending school. In the main, the opinion states that the students have the right to vote, provided they answer certain statutory questions relative to residence and birth. In the city there are about 300 students who are eligible to vote and most of them will demand the right to do so.

### Contempt Trial Law Attacked.

Fort Scott, Kas., Oct. 29.—B. J. McCarger, a blacksmith of this city who sold his business and contracted not to re-engage in the trade here, was arrested for violating an order restraining him from working at his trade. He admits a violation of the order, but believes that under the new law giving him a right trial by jury he will not be convicted of contempt by working for the support of his family. The opposing counsel has attacked the constitutionality of the law allowing juries in contempt cases.

### What One Cuban Says.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Senor L. V. de Abados, who has been superintending the enumeration of the Cuban census, said that there are many radical Cubans who are determined to have absolute independence. They have accordingly begun many warlike preparation by taking an account of the number of cattle which could be used in case of war, and the number of horses and men which could be mustered into the service. Finance of the island has also been considered.

## COMPLETE MARKET REPORTS.

Kansas City.			
CATTLE—Heavy	4.00	5.00	
HOGS—Choice to heavy	4.50	4.60	
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	85 1/2	86 1/2	
CORN—No. 2 mixed	34 1/2	35 1/2	
OATS—No. 2	24	25	
HAY—Choice timothy	8.00	8.25	
Choice prairie	18	18 1/2	
BUTTER	15 1/2	16	
EGGS	15 1/2	16	

Chicago.			
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	87 1/2	88 1/2	
CORN—No. 2 mixed	34 1/2	35 1/2	
OATS—No. 2	24	25	

St. Louis Live Stock.			
BEEVES	4.40	5.30	
STOCKERS & FEEDERS	3.40	4.50	
SOUTHERN STEERS	3.00	4.30	

Cotton.			
Liverpool	10 1/2	10 1/2	
New York	9 1/2	9 1/2	
Galveston	9 1/2	9 1/2	

Wichita Grain.			
WHEAT—	Open	High	Low
Nov.	71 1/2	72 1/2	71 1/2
Dec.	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2
Nov.	35 1/2	36 1/2	35 1/2
Dec.	36 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2
Nov.	21 1/2	22 1/2	21 1/2
Dec.	22 1/2	23 1/2	22 1/2

Wheat: December.			
Chicago	87 1/2	88 1/2	
St. Louis	88 1/2	89 1/2	

Chicago Live Stock.			
PRIME STEERS	4.50	4.60	
COWS AND HEIFERS	3.50	4.00	
STOCKERS & FEEDERS	3.00	3.50	
TEXAS FED BEEVES	4.00	4.50	
HOGS	4.50	4.70	

## THE LATEST NEWS IN BRIEF

The 14th U. S. infantry has left Peking.

The population of California is 1,485,053.

Cholera prevails in Japan to an alarming extent.

Single tube tires are to be higher in price before Spring.

John Sherman was in the 78th year of his age. He was born May 20, 1823.

An electric railway is talked about, to be built from Leavenworth to St. Joseph.

A local trust combine of undertakers of Louisville, Ky., is indicted for conspiracy.

Berlin celebrated the 100th birthday of Field Marshal von Moltke on October 26.

The British have leased winter quarters for troops in Tien Tsin for \$10,000 a month.

Mayor Jones, of Galveston has been nominated for representative in Congress.

Forty of the 100 students of Miami university, at Oxford, Ohio, have typhoid fever.

Massachusetts has 20 towns having 25,000 or more people, a larger number than any other state.

In 1890 Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma had a combined population of 92,765 the present census gives them 155,203.

There is an impression in Washington that seven million dollars, the price asked for the Danish West Indies, is far too large.

The 500th anniversary of the death of Chaucer was commemorated by the unveiling of a memorial window in a London church.

The first installment of the volunteer army will leave Manila November 1. The sick will be sent among the first shipments.

A vessel having on board 100 passengers was boarded by pirates near Canton, China, and several thousand pounds in specie taken.

The woman's board of missions of the Evangelical churches, in session in Chicago, appropriated \$80,000 for missions in Asia and Europe.

A thousand shoemakers, employed in thirty factories in Quebec, went on strike because one union man refused to work for weekly wages instead of piece work. A non-union man took his place.

The synodical conference of the Presbyterians of Missouri begin their annual conference at Maryville October 23.

The widow of the murdered German ambassador to China has reached the home of her father, Henry B. Ledyard, in Detroit.

The cities of the greatest population rank in this order: New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Boston and Baltimore. After these come Cleveland, Buffalo, San Francisco, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh.

A gold nugget from British Columbia has been received in New York which weighed a fraction over 753 pounds, valued at \$154,000.

The registration shows a total of 402,883 voters. Only about 1,500 women registered for the privilege of voting for school commissioners, against 6,234 in 1896.

The percentage of population enrolled in elementary secondary and common schools in Kansas is 27.47; Oklahoma, 24.10; New York 16.94; Missouri, 21.18; Massachusetts, 17.21.

There have been 35,000 claims filed for pensions for Spanish war soldiers, of which 4,237 have been already allowed, most of those settled have been claims for widows and in cases of severe disabilities of soldiers.

There are 150 cities in the United States with more than 25,000 inhabitants. Their combined population is 19,604,635.

There are 19 cities which according to the census have 200,000 and over of population, with a total population of 11,795,809.